

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 659

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor B. Fielding Rolston for his dedicated service on the State Board of Education.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm as public servants in education; and

WHEREAS, B. Fielding Rolston, chairman of the State Board of Education, has been a valuable asset to the Board since first being appointed in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rolston was reappointed to the State Board in 1999, 2008, and 2013; he is relinquishing his duties when his term expires in 2018; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure on the State Board of Education, Chairman Rolston has distinguished himself as a knowledgeable voice and stalwart advocate for public education in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he worked for Eastman Chemical Company for thirty-eight years before retiring in 2003 as senior vice president; during his career at Eastman, he had leadership responsibilities for human resources, quality management, supply chain management, and safety; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rolston is currently chairman of the board of Eastman Credit Union and sits on the National Assessment Governing Board; and

WHEREAS, he has previously served as chairman of the board for Wellmont Health System, Emory and Henry College, Kingsport Community Foundation, United Way of Greater Kingsport, and several other community service organizations; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mr. Rolston received the 2001 Outstanding Achievement in Management Award from the Institute of Industrial Engineering,

and in 2008, he was inducted into the Academy of Engineering Excellence at Virginia Tech, his alma mater; and

WHEREAS, he holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration from American University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rolston has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and a grateful educational community as well; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor B. Fielding Rolston for his dedicated service as a member and chairman of the State Board of Education, commend his ongoing commitment to public service, and thank him for a difficult job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.